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**US HOMEPAGE**

# France ready for Syria strike without UK

Hollande says he will speak to Obama on Friday. 'France wants firm action against Damascus regime and all options are on the table'

## Singh in bid to reassure India investors

## Sinopec buys into Apache's Egypt venture

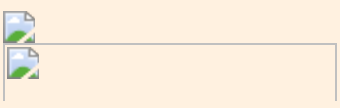
## BP slams Louisiana amid oil spill spat

## Shares mixed as Syria strike fears ease

**VIDEO**

## Vodafone's rush to exit at the top

A deal with Verizon over Vodafone's stake in Verizon Wireless is a logical step for both groups. Lex's Nikki Tait and M&A correspondent Anousha Sakoui explain why the two companies will need guts if they are to seal a transaction potentially worth $130bn.



**MARKETS**

# Rupee endures worst month in EM sell-off

India's rupee is down 10.3% during August, while Indonesia's rupiah is down 7%, which would be its worst month in nearly five years

## Arm Holdings leads FTSE after upgrade

## India buys rupee some breathing space

## Unhappy ending for Indonesia growth story

## Chinese find M&A deals hard to clinch

**WORLD NEWS**

# Boehner presses Obama on Syria doubts

Lawmakers appear more concerned about president's objectives than whether administration has sufficient evidence that chemical weapons were used

## Striking at Syria without a strategy

## CIA budget revealed in Snowden leak

## Portugal's €78bn bailout hit by court blow

## Ghana court upholds Mahama poll victory

**US NEWS**

# US ready to act on Syria without UK

After 13-vote Commons defeat, David Cameron accepted there was now no chance of British military involvement in action against Damascus

## US and Switzerland reach tax evasion accord

## NFL to settle concussions lawsuit for $765m

## US growth revised upwards to 2.5%

**US & CANADIAN COMPANIES**

# Vodafone-Verizon race switches gears

Close personal relationship of CEOs has done little to disguise tensions over how to resolve one of the M&A world's great stand-offs

## Boardroom clash claims Renault executive

## Nasdaq blames software flaw for trading outage

## Vodafone closes in on Verizon Wireless stake deal

## Hedge funds need smoother handovers

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